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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SETTING UP OF WORLD CLASS UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to set up 14 world class universities in the country as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated November 21, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for setting up of the same, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the time by when the above universities are likely to be set up;

(d) whether there is also proposal to set up Centers of Excellence across the country to improve the quality of higher education; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a),(b)and(c): Yes, Sir, it is proposed to set up 14 world class universities in the country during the 11th Plan period. The locations and other details of these universities have, however, not yet been finalized.

(d)and(e): Nine Universities and twelve Centers have already been identified by the University Grants Commission under its Scheme of Universities with Potential for Excellence and five more Universities are proposed to be identified under the Scheme during the 11th Plan period.